

CLERK: Mr. President, 1090 was a bill introduced by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, Mr. President, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments by the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, before you start, (gavel) members of the Legislature, could you hold it down so we can hear what the speakers are talking about, please. Thank you. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, LB 1090 is what is becoming an annual Department of Education clean-up bill. As the department goes through the process of implementing the statutes that we send over to them, they find that there are certain dates for reports that are not spelled out as well as they should be, certain parts of the statute that don't correspond well with other parts of the statute and LB 1090 is that bill this year. There are a couple of fairly significant things that are done in the bill that I will cover when we get to discussion of the bill. Right now we're on the committee amendment and one of the provisions in the original draft of the bill did not escape the eagle eye of the Nebraska Press Association. Once again, we have proven the fact that they do, in fact, read carefully every piece of legislation. There was a provision in the bill dealing with educational service units. The original draft of the bill, as it came over from the department, called for eliminating a requirement that certain data published by the educational service units had to be published in local newspapers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, may I interrupt you again, please. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, please hold it down, especially over on the south side here. We can't hear. Please. Thank you. Senator Withem, thank you.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. President. What the committee amendments do is they reinstate the language that requires that educational service units publish a report on yearly activities. A report must be published and distributed for all member school districts by November 1. It also eliminates a "may", inserts a "may" rather than a "shall" when we're talking about promulgating rules and regulations for the Adult Education Act. With that, I would urge adoption of the committee amendments.